

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who are universally praised for the excellence of their professional pursuits; and

Whereas, Andy Van Der Tuin has distinguished himself as a woodworking instructor at Community School in Saint Louis where he is known for making modular sculptures in which pattern, color, grain, and the natural beauty of unadorned native woods from Missouri and exotic woods from Central and South America play a predominant role in the overall visual effect of the work; and

Whereas, choosing to work primarily within a theme, Andy Van Der Tuin thoroughly explores the diverse possibilities available in delimited variation before moving on to another theme in later work; and

Whereas, Andy Van Der Tuin was recently selected to create the three-dimensional awards which Governor Bob Holden and First Lady Lori Hauser Holden presented to five recipients at the Missouri Arts Council Missouri Arts Awards event on February 11, 2004, in the capitol rotunda in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Andy Van Der Tuin was chosen to design and construct the 2004 Missouri Arts Awards by a panel composed of members of the Missouri Arts Council Board and staff members; and

Whereas, in addition to his experiences as a teacher, Andy Van Der Tuin has been a lighting and furniture designer, museum curator and exhibit designer, and Peace Corps volunteer; and

Whereas, the Missouri Arts Council initiated the Missouri Arts Awards in 1983 to recognize and honor those whose contributions to the arts of Missouri have produced lasting and profoundly positive effects upon the cultural climate of the state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Andy Van Der Tuin as the designer and builder of the awards used during the Missouri Arts Council presentation on February 11, 2004, in the state capitol rotunda and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his community-oriented endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Andy Van Der Tuin, as an expression of our esteem for him and his artistic accomplishments.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1223, adopted March 17, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker